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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you to express my hope that you will see your way clear to expediting the settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case. This case has seen more than three years of litigation, appeal, mediation and controversy. A fair and functional settlement plan has been reached by the parties and accepted by the court. It's time to end this matter and let Microsoft get back to work.

The plan itself would force Microsoft to alter its business practices in a manner that will encourage competition in the IT field. Its Windows systems will be made accessible to other software manufacturers' software. New Windows systems will be developed specifically so as to open them up to exploitation by the company's competitors. An oversight committee will be established to make sure Microsoft no longer engages in anti-competitive practices. In brief the "old" so-called predatory Microsoft will no longer exist.

There is no present need to divide up this great and inventive company. And, there is no logical need to delay the implementation of this plan.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Herman